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GRAND AVENEWS

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Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Clarence South, especially for Wendy, Pauline and Cheryl.

Jackson Lee Koenig, infant son of Joshua and Amanda Koenig, was baptized this past Friday, April 16th. Welcome!

Best wishes are extended to Joshua and Amanda Koenig on the occasion of their wedding last Saturday afternoon from the Chapel of The Grand Avenue Church.

UMM Officers Elected: Marty Jones was elected President of the United Methodist Men at their meeting on April 8 and Jack Jacobs was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations!

Sunday, April 25 is "ICCM" (Food Bank) Sunday. Gifts of nonperishable food may be left in the basket by the cabinet at the side entrance of the sanctuary. To make a financial gift, please make your check to "GAUMC" and designate the memo corner "ICCM."

Senior Recognition is Sunday, May 2 with three seniors being recognized during Morning Worship and also at the potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately after Morning Worship. Our 2010 seniors are: Laura Burkett, Jonathan James and Jacob Persons.

The UMW Ladies Night Potluck is Mon., May 3 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Fellowship Hall will be used as a voting precinct on May 18.

If you would like to be a hostess for a wedding shower honoring Katie and Jason Reynolds, please call Rita Cress at 673-4038 or Kandy Gray at 674-7201. The shower is scheduled Saturday, June 19 from 10:30-12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Because of your generosity, \$715 has been collected for One Great Hour of Sharing, which supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief in their important work of responding to human needs around the world.

FINAL CALL ON 2010 TANAKO SCHOLARSHIPS:

The United Methodist Men will once again provide Camp Tanako Scholarships to the children and youth who attend or visit Grand Avenue (member or non-member). The scholarship amounts (partial or full) will be determined based on the number of requests and will be awarded after the UMM meeting on Thursday, May 6. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR CAMP TANAKO REGISTRATION FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. You will be contacted after the May 6 meeting if you will need to include a check with the forms that will be mailed by the Church Office to Camp Tanako. Registration forms are available in the Church Office.

PASTOR EDWARD E. WYERS APPOINTED TO GRAND AVENUE

Pastor Edward E. Wyers has been appointed to serve the Grand Avenue Church beginning Tuesday, June 29. He is married to Linda Noblett Wyers of Jasper, Alabama and is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College with a B.A. degree in Spanish. His educational work toward a Master of Divinity degree was through Candler School of Theology, Perkins School of Theology and Memphis Theological Seminary. He taught English as a Second Language in Monticello, worked to establish the ESL program (English as a Second Language) at FUMC of that city and led the first bilingual Vacation Bible School in that congregation. He has also served ten years as the Conference Secretary of Global Ministries.

Pastor Wyers enjoys leading Bible studies and has participated in the Disciple Bible Study program since it's beginning. He has led courses in United Methodist History and Doctrine and Polity, and encourages churches to have a relationship with a missionary and to observe special Sunday offerings. He has served churches in Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, and Arkansas. Welcome!

DATES TO REMEMBER

The 2010 Annual Conference is June 6 - 9 (Sunday - Wednesday) at The Hot Springs Convention Center.

- Sunday, June 6: The Last Celebration of Holy Communion with Pastor George E. Rook
Sunday, June 27: The last Sunday for Pastor George E. Rook to be with us.
Tuesday, June 29: Moving Day for all clergy being reassigned in the Arkansas Annual Conference.
Sunday, July 4: The first Sunday for Pastor Edward E. Wyers to preach at Grand Avenue.

The Youth will be sponsoring a trip to Dickey-Stephens Park on May 16th. The entire church is invited to attend. Cost for the ticket will be \$5.00 and will include an All-You-Can-Eat hotdog buffet. We will be taking the church bus but can only take 15 passengers. Please let the church office know if you are going by Monday, April 26.

TOUR OF GRAND AVENUE BOOKLET

(reprinted)

"A Tour of The Grand Avenue United Methodist Church," an informational booklet about the symbolism and significant features found in our sanctuary, has been reprinted after the initial printing from a year ago was depleted. Copies are available free of charge from the literature rack at the side entrance of the sanctuary. The booklet is based on the "Talking Points" covered by the current pastor in his annual Confirmation Class tour of the sanctuary and contains supplementary information. The booklet was written by Pastor George E. Rook and "is dedicated to those faithful ones of past, present and future generations who have made Grand Avenue into the congregation I will always cherish." Out of town readers may order copies from the Church Office: 803 S. Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, AR 72160.

The March/April issue of "The Upper Room" (regular and large print) is now available free of charge from the narthex, the literature rack on the back wall of the sanctuary and the literature rack at the side entrance of the sanctuary.

I would like to express my gratitude to Grand Avenue for all the prayers, visits, food, cards and memorials which we have received during this trying time. My church family has been a network of love and support that has been there when I needed it.
May God Bless Each of You.
Agnes Jackson

THE GRAND AVENUE CHURCH warmly welcomes PASTOR EDWARD E. WYERS of First United Methodist Church in Wynne as our new Pastor, effective June 29. You are invited to send welcome cards to Pastor Wyers and his wife, Linda: PO Box 1007, Wynne, AR 72396. The email address is ed.wyers@att.net. WELCOME!

SPOTLIGHT CLASS: Crusaders Sunday School class is currently studying “Irresistible Invitation”. This class meets in the library on the first floor and a few of the members are: Clara Dobson, Wendy Lindley, Suzanne Braithwaite, Carolyn Moore and Roland Endres.

Other Classes to Choose From Are:

- Young Adults 2nd floor
“Crazy Love - Overwhelmed By A Relentless God”
- Challengers 2nd floor
“Easter From The Backside”
- Pathfinders church office
“Troublesome Bible Passages”



CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

PreK 3 – 4th Grade **Rock Solid**
Building A Heart of Faith

Remembering Jesus

April 25 **Peter and Cornelius**
May 2 **Saul's Conversation**
May 9 **Saul's Escape**

5th – 6th Grade
Books of the Bible



Jr. High
Does God Love Me No Matter What?

Sr. High
Good God Theater – DVD Series

Congratulations! Bethany Crum was voted Most Photogenic and was crowned Miss Petite Grand Prairie Saturday night.

Then come to the UMW Ladies Night on Monday, May 3 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone will enjoy a potluck supper followed by a program presented by Circle 1.

You won't want to miss this night.

FROM THE PASTOR

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.”

- Romans 12:9-13

The members of Staff Parish, along with staff members and leaders from various areas of our congregational life, gathered for a catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall this past Friday to meet the new pastor of Grand Avenue along with his wife, Pastor and Mrs. Edward Wyers of First United Methodist Church in Wynne. Our warm, Grand Avenue hospitality was extended to a couple who will not be strangers for long! Instead, they are even now being lovingly embraced as an important part of the Grand Avenue family.

While I will always cherish you with an abiding love, Pastor Wyers will be your new Pastor and will appreciate your loyal support, even as I have appreciated your loyal support these sixteen years. He will be the one as of June 29 to officiate at baptisms, weddings and funerals. He will be the one to provide opportunities for spiritual formation. He will be the one for you to address as Pastor and friend. He will be the new link in a long chain of pastoral leadership for this wonderful congregation that has meant so much to me. You will, no doubt, mean much to him!

Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians is the earliest of all New Testament writings, dating to perhaps the early 50s. The Apostle Paul says in this letter: “. . . respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves” (I Thessalonians 5:12, 13). Living in peace among yourselves as the Grand Avenue family, I have confidence you will respect and highly esteem Pastor Wyers as he labors among you and has charge of you in the Lord. I will personally be honored as a former Grand Avenue pastor by the honor you extend to him as your new pastor.

You will find on the first page of this newsletter a mailing address for Pastor and Mrs. Wyers. I invite you to send a card or letter welcoming them to Grand Avenue. This lovely gesture of hospitality will be a blessing for your new parsonage family as you let them know they are being welcomed with open arms.

- George E. Rook

PRAYER LIST

Jim Gingerich; Norma Mattison; Ruby Self; Louie McKissack; Vivian Howie; Ray Holsted; Harriet Boyd; Janita Hoskyn; Melvin Tipton; Michael Acklin; Cletus Carlock; Juanita Pierce; Denise Black; Joy Buerkle Rush; Bobbie Green; Elois Stock; Darrell Gray; Tony Sherrod; Floyd Brothers; Maurine Smith; Dale Tull; The family of Clarence South (esp. for Wendy, Pauline and Cheryl); Joshua and Amanda Koenig on the occasion of their marriage; Jackson Lee Koenig on the occasion of his baptism; All our sick and shut-in; President Barack Obama; Congress and our Leaders; The Leaders of our Allies; Members of the US, UK and Coalition Armed Forces and their Families; The families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



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USHERS FOR MAY
 Ronnie Krisell—Cpt.
 Dale Tull
 Gene Fletcher
 Norris Ragan

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2 Senior Recognition Pot Luck	3 UMW Ladies Night 6:30pm FH	4 Exercise 10am	5 Bible Study 10:30am FH	6 UMM 7pm FH	7	1 Bus Reserved 8 Bus Reserved FH Reserved
9 Mother's Day Pancake Brkfst FH Reserved	10	11 Exercise 10am	12	13 Exercise 10am	14	15
16 Youth to Travelers Game Bus Reserved	17 Circle 2 10:30am FH Circle 3 7:30pm Trustees 7pm Church Office	18 FH-RESERVED FOR VOTING Finance 7pm Library Admin Co. 7:30pm Sanctuary	19 Circle 1 5:30p FH	20 Exercise 10am Grand Needlers 6pm	21	22
23 Singles Lunch	24	25 Exercise 10am	26	27 Exercise 10am UMM Fish Fry 5-7pm FH	28	29
30 ICCM	31 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED					

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GROUPS & GATHERINGS

YOUTH: The United Methodist Junior High Youth (grades 7-8) meets each Sunday at 6pm to 7:30pm in the second floor Youth Wing, the Senior High Youth (grades 9-12) meets each Sunday at 6:45pm to 8:15pm. (contact Austin Hayes 673-6317).

TWEENS: The "Tweens" group (grades 5-6) meets in the Fellowship Hall, every Wednesday at 6pm. (contact Lainie Hoskyn at 659-0089).

CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS: Grades 5-7 meet in the choir room every Sunday at 5pm. (Chuck Law 673-6317)

HANDS FOR HIM: Wednesday Music Program for Children: Grades PreK-5 meet at 3:30pm. Contact Chuck Law (673-6317) or Elizabeth Hoskyn (673-0079).

THE 3rd WEDNESDAY: Adults \$3 - Children \$2 - Seniors \$2 - Fun, food & fellowship every third *Seasonal Meeting Times* Wednesday. Program starts at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP - 673-6317

HANDBELL CHOIR: Meets every Wednesday at 6pm. (Chuck Law 673-6317).

ADULT CHOIR: Meets every Wednesday at 7pm. (Chuck Law 673-6317).

EXERSICE: Meets every Tuesday at 10am in the FH; and every Thursday at 10am in the FH.

Other groups meet weekly and/or monthly. Please check the calendar for meeting times and dates.